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TO AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

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SUBJECT: PACKAGED DISASTER HOSPITALS FOR NICARAGUA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS FORWARDED TO AMBASSADOR LETTER FROM VIRGINIA WORSLEY, SENIOR NURSING ADVISOR, FOR DELIVERY TO MRS. HOPE SOMOZA CONFIRMING THAT FIVE PACKAGED DISASTER HOSPITALS (PDH) HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR NICARAGUA. INSPECTION OF ONE PDH SHOWS EQUIPMENT IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. PDH' S WILL BE SHIPPED WHEN WE ADVISED THAT HOSPITALS READY TO RECEIVE THEM. EACH PDH CONSISTS OF 660 CRATES AND FUNDING FOR THEIR TRANSPORT IS INCLUDED IN DONATION. BECAUSE OF SIZE EACH PDH AND DESIRE TO MINIMIZE STORAGE PROBLEMS, THEY WILL BE FORWARDED AS HOSPITALS READY TO RECEIVE EQUIPMENT. WE UNDERSTAND VELEZ PAIS HOSPITAL WILL BE READY SHORTLY.

2. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO TELL MRS. SOMOZA OF FOREGOING PRIOR ARRIVAL LETTER.

3. LETTER ALSO SUGGESTS THAT SOMEONE WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH THE EQUIPMENT BE SENT TO MANAGUA TO HELP UNPACK FIRST PDH AND TRAIN A COUNTERPART AND TEAM TO CONTINUE INSTALLATION. AID DIRECTOR CULBERTSON DISCUSSED THIS
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WHEN IN WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATIONS. HEW HAS IDENTIFIED
A PERSON APPROPRIATE TO UNDERTAKE THIS, CARLOS SANTIAGO
WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH PDH AND SPEAKS SPANISH. HEW

ESTIMATES HIS SERVICES WOULD BE NEEDED FOR APPROXIMATELY
21 DAYS. USAID/ N REQUESTED TO FORWARD APPROPRIATE
FUNDING INFORMATION TO COVER SANTIAGO TDY AND ROUND
TRIP AIR IF YOU AND MRS. SOMOZA AGREE WITH SUGGESTION
CONTAINED LETTER.

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